

Notice of Allowability

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10/661,987

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/12/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-15 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The following references are the most related to the claimed invention.

A/. Bull et al. (US. Pat. #: 6,498,841) teaches a system and method for providing enhanced caller identification. Bull et al. teaches that an incoming call is received at a service node/intelligent peripheral (SN/IP) 212, as shown in figure 2. The automatic number identification of the incoming call is checked with its database for a purpose of screening service. Caller ID information of the incoming call is transmitted and provided to the called party in the form of audible caller ID information. After provided the audible caller ID information, the audible call disposition which contains audible instructions to ask called party to respond to the incoming call by pressing corresponding numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 with option of reject, accept, etc. (see col.8, line 10 through col.9, line 42). Other references, such as Lee et al. (US. Pat. #: 6,882,838), Wurster et al. (US. Pat. #: 6,459,780), Robinson et al. (US. Pat. #: 5,533,102), Latter et al. (US. Pat. #: 6,178,232) and Serbetcioglu et al., each teaches system and method that provides call disposition action or menu to the called party in audible messages or voice/speech forms. The called party's responses are one of DTMF tones, hand-off, etc. in order to terminate the incoming call. All of above references teach voice recognition system and voice response remote to called party, e.g., in a central switch or service node, etc. not at a telematics

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unit local to the called party. Furthermore, all of above references fails to clearly teach the feature of “*monitoring for a user voice response to the audible user action identification message*” as recited in claims 1, 6 and 11.

B/. Lim (US. Pat. #: 5,265,145) teaches an apparatus such as an answering machine which is local to called party. Lim teaches the apparatus is able to compare ANI of an incoming call to a list of stored ANIs, to retrieve corresponding name associated the ANI of the incoming call, and to display as well as to spell or speak the caller ID information to the called party. However, Lim also fails to clearly teach the feature of “*monitoring for a user voice response to the audible user action identification message*” as recited in claims 1, 6 and 11.

Therefore, claims 1-15 are allowed with reasons set forth above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh K. Tieu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7510 and E-mail address: BINH.TIEU@USPTO.GOV.

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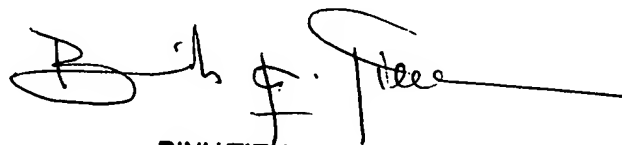
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Binh Tieu', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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